

Service Academy Application



Congressman Jim Costa

**U.S. House of Representatives
20th District, California**

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CONGRESSMAN JIM COSTA
United States Service Academy
Congressional Nomination Information Sheet

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following requirements as of July 1 of the year of admission to the academy:

- Between 17 & 22 years of age
- U.S. Citizen
- Unmarried, no children or legal dependents.
- Reside in the 20th Congressional District

Selection Criteria

Includes the following:

- Completed Application
- Interviews
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Class Rank, GPA, School Records
- Community Evaluations
- Extracurricular & Athletic Activities
- Leadership Potential
- Motivation

Applications to the Academies

The academy application process requires that you apply both to your congressional offices for a nomination and directly to the academies for an actual appointment. Make sure you keep your file at the academy of your choice up to date.

Deadline for Nomination Applications

The Deadline for the completion of nomination applications to Congressman Costa's office is November 6, 2006. However, because the process can be lengthy, interested applicants are encouraged to make their initial inquiries early.

Important Academy Information

U.S. Coast Guard Academy

A Congressional nomination is not required for the Coast Guard Academy. They manage their own selection process. Any individual interested in applying must contact the Academy directly. Apply to:

Director of Admissions
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
New London, CT 06320

For additional information on the U.S. Coast Guard, please visit their website at:

<http://www.uscga.edu/>

Merchant Marine Academy

For the Merchant Marine Academy, a Member of Congress may nominate as with the other academies. However, there is no dedicated position available. Each nominee selected must compete statewide for the vacancies, and the Merchant Marine Academy makes the selection.

Final Admission to the Academies

Selected nominees will be announced in January 2007. The nominees chosen by Congressman Costa will then be forwarded to the academies. The selection of the appointee to each academy is ultimately decided by the academy to which you have applied.

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Congressional Nomination Application Instructions and Procedures

Important Dates

- March 2006: Request Nomination Application
- Nov. 6, 2006: Application Deadline
- December 2006: Academy Service Committee Interviews are held
- January 2007: Nominations Announced
- February 2007: Offers of Appointment from Academies
- July 2007: Class of 2011 Enters Academies

Application Materials

- ✓ Attached Academy Nomination Application
- ✓ Sealed copy of high school transcripts, with weighted GPA and class standing. If you are in college, send both your high school and college transcripts.
- ✓ Short 150-200 word essay (see title description in application).
- ✓ Copy of your official SAT/ACT scores
- ✓ Resume that includes extra curricular activities and any work experience.
- ✓ Recent small photograph (2½ x 3½). Put your full name on the back of photo.
- ✓ At least 2 letters of recommendation.

The completed application packet **MUST** arrive at Congressman Jim Costa's Fresno office no later than November 6, 2006. Please mail or deliver to:

Congressman Jim Costa
Kelly Gill, Director of Constituent Services
855 M Street, Suite 940
Fresno, CA 93721

Academy Nominee Selection Board

Upon receiving the properly completed packet, potential nominees will then be evaluated by Congressman Costa's Academy Selection Board. This board is made up of individuals from the community who volunteer to review applications and interview potential candidates. In the 20th Congressional District, Congressman Costa has a Selection Board in Fresno, Kings and Kern Counties.

Announcement of Nominees

The announcement of nominees should occur during the month of January 2007. The nominees will be then forwarded to the academies indicated where another evaluation will be preformed by the Academies.

Admission to the Academies

The selection of the appointee to each academy is ultimately decided upon by the academy to which you have applied. The nominations submitted by Congressman Costa does not automatically result in a selection by the academies.

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United States Service Academy Contact Information

U.S. Military Academy

Director of Admissions
U.S. Military Academy
606 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996-9902
(845) 938-4041 or (800) 822-2769
Website: <http://www.usma.edu>

U.S. Air Force Academy

USAFA/RRS
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200
USAF Academy, Colorado 80840-5025
(800) 443-9266
Website: <http://www.usafa.af.mil>

U.S. Naval Academy

Candidate Guidance Officer
U.S. Naval Academy
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
(410) 293-4361 or (800) 638-9156
Website: <http://www.usna.edu>

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Director of Admissions
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
(800) 732-6267
Website: <http://www.usmma.edu>

U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Director of Admissions
15 Mohegan Avenue
New London, CT 06320-4195
(800) 883-USCG
Website: <http://www.uscga.edu>

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ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION

Please circle the academy for which you are applying:
(if interested in more than one, please indicate order of preference)

Army

Navy

Air Force

Merchant Marine

Full Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____
(your legal residence must be in the 20th Congressional District)

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Telephone: () _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Place of Birth: _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Social Security Number: _____ Gender: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____ Class Size: _____
(weighted)

SAT Scores:
Total: _____ Verbal: _____ Math: _____ Date: _____

ACT Scores:
Total: _____ English: _____ Math: _____ Date: _____

Reading: _____ Science: _____

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Additional Application Instructions

Please attach a resume including different activities you have participated in such as: athletics, extra-curricular, leadership roles, awards and honors, community involvement and employment experience.

Please attach at least 2 letters of recommendation supporting your nomination. Letters may come from school principal, school counselor, coach, teachers, employers, clergy and community leaders.

Please attach an essay (150-200 words) entitled: "Why I wish to attend the (name of academy) Academy." Evaluations will be based upon both writing skills and content of essay.

Checklist:

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